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From the Dean

Dear Friends,

We have completed another extraordinary academic year at the OU College of Law. This issue of *Sooner Lawyer* features a wide range of positive news and developments that continue to propel OU Law as one of the nation's great public law schools.

In May, it was officially announced that OU Law ranked second in the nation for moot court programs. This newest ranking, by the Blakely Advocacy Institute, reflects a remarkable achievement in competition programs by our students, faculty and alumni. This marks the fifth consecutive year OU Law has

been named a top 20 moot court program in the country. We are exceedingly proud of this accomplishment and hope you will take time to learn about how you, our alumni and friends, have contributed to the program's success. Read more, beginning on page 2.

We added another exceptional class to our Order of the Owl Hall of Fame this year. Many of you joined us to induct three remarkable individuals who have devoted their lives to service. We were honored to welcome Judge David B. Lewis ('83), Ms. Judy Hamilton Morse ('79) and Justice Steven W. Taylor ('74) to the Order of the Owl Class of 2017. Turn to page 10 to learn more about each of them and their many accomplishments.

This spring we also celebrated the graduation of the Class of 2017. Record-setting in many ways, this was the first OU Law class to complete three years in the Digital Initiative program. Our first digital class is also the first of its kind in the nation, and is better equipped to enter the legal profession with a technological proficiency unattainable at any other law school in the country. You can read more about our first digital class on page 38 and see photos from their convocation ceremony on pages 40-41.

These stories are just a sample of the many exciting things happening at our college. The OU Law Updates section (beginning on page 26) chronicles a range of events and news, sharing how our students, faculty and alumni are making an important difference in the legal community and the world at large.

We are so fortunate to have such a strong and engaged OU Law community. Thank you for the role you play in making OU Law one of our nation's great public law schools.

Warmest regards,

Joseph Harroz Jr.
Dean and Professor
Fenelon Boesche Chair of Law

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Record No. 2 ranking highlights OU Law Competitions Program

OU Law jumped 12 spots, advancing to No. 2 in the nation in the Blakely Advocacy Institute's 2017 ranking of moot court programs. Marking the fifth consecutive year the OU College of Law has been ranked in the top 20 schools in the country, this year's ranking represents the college's highest placement in school history.

"We were thrilled to learn of this year's Blakely Advocacy Institute's ranking," said Dean Joe Harroz. "At OU Law, we are committed to providing our students with a world-class legal education, and part of that includes exposing them to moot court competitions."

The No. 2 ranking qualifies the OU College of Law for the 2018 Andrews Kurth Kenyon Moot Court National Championship, in which the top 16 schools in the country compete for the Moot Court National Championship. The college was also named a "Top 20 Best Moot Court School of the Decade" by *National Jurist* magazine.

"Our students' tenacity and drive to succeed is inspiring, and the faculty and alumni support we have for our Competitions Program is outstanding," said Harroz. "We are particularly indebted to Professor Connie Smothermon, our director of competitions, for her tireless

work and investment. We are proud of everyone's efforts and grateful to have such strong representatives of OU Law."

In addition to moot court competitions, the Competitions Program led by Smothermon also includes trial and skill competitions. This academic year, 75 OU Law students participated on 36 teams traveling across the country from coast to coast.

"It has been a great year," said Smothermon. "Our students are hard workers and fierce competitors. They represented OU well, and I am very proud of their professionalism. I am



William B. Spong Jr. Invitational
Moot Court Tournament Team
Connor Bourland, Ty Schoenhals

"Participating in a moot court competition has been one of the best experiences of my law school career. The faculty, staff and administration were all very supportive. It was an honor to get to represent the University of Oklahoma College of Law and to be able to contribute to our school's No.2 overall national ranking."

TY SCHOENHALS

"Once we got to the competition, we knew our hard work and the help of the OU Law faculty would pay off. After every successful round, all the way to the finals, the main thought running through my head was how excited and grateful I was. It was an honor to bring hardware back to the College of Law. I look forward to competing again next year."

CONNOR BOURLAND

The team of Ty Schoenhals and Connor Bourland competed in and were named runner-up in the 2017 William B. Spong Jr. Invitational Moot Court Tournament at William & Mary Law School in Williamsburg, Virginia.

also very proud of OU Law's focus on providing opportunities so our students can improve their advocacy skills. The students have certainly taken advantage of those opportunities this season."

It takes the participation of numerous students, faculty, staff and alumni to operate the Competitions Program. "Our successes are a direct result our Legal Research and Writing Program, Honors Workshops, faculty and alumni involvement, and staff and administration support," said Smothermon.

Smothermon also is quick to credit the

dedication of OU Law alumni. "We have six or seven alumni who coach and travel with teams each year as well as 15 to 20 who regularly work with teams," she said. "We are fortunate to have alumni who give many, many hours, days, months and resources to work with and travel with these teams."

Professor Sarah Burstein, who teaches Intellectual Property, Trademarks, Copyright and Patents, and also coaches the International Trademark Association Saul Lefkowitz Moot Court Competition team with Professor Maria Kolar, was pleasantly surprised by the willingness of

alumni to help in preparing teams. "Last year, I invited six local IP lawyers, mostly OU Law alumni, to come be guest judges for our trademark moot court team," said Burstein. "I hoped that, of the six, maybe one or two would say 'yes.' In reality, they were all willing and able to help. This year, I worked on scheduling more expert guest-judge sessions and, yet again, I was blown away by how willing our awesome alumni are to give back by sharing their time and expertise with our students."

Giving back is a reason cited by Oklahoma City attorney Christopher Staine ('10) for serving as an alumni



ABA National Appellate Advocacy Competition
Alex Richard, Ryan Wilson, Colby Byrd

volunteer coach with the Competitions Program. For four years, Staine has coached the teams competing in the Frederick Douglass Moot Court Competition sponsored by the National Black Law Students Association. He coached the teams during practice sessions and traveled to competitions with the students.

"I wanted to give back to my alma mater while helping to provide law students with the comprehensive and holistic law school experience I had during my tenure at OU Law," said Staine. "Every student competitor who I have had the pleasure of coaching has uniquely helped to increase my pride in my alma mater and my passion for serving as a volunteer coach for the OU College of Law Competitions Program. It is one of the most fulfilling volunteer experiences I have as an alumnus of OU Law."

Alumna Melissa McDuffey ('15) also reflected upon her experience as a student competitor when Smothermon asked her to consider being an alumni volunteer coach. McDuffey competed in the 2015 American Bar Association Section of Dispute Resolution Representation in Mediation Competition, in which she and teammate Skeeter Jordan ('15) won the regional and national competitions.

"I had wonderful and rewarding experiences when I participated in competitions in law school," said McDuffey. "Competitions provide a practical component to law school where students are able to learn many skills, including writing, public speaking and case strategy. When Professor



National Moot Court Competition Team
Hilary Soileau, Hayley Scott, Michael Nash

"It was exciting for our team's hours of preparation and hard work to pay off again this year by making it back to nationals in New York. Countless professors supported us during this five-month endeavor, whether it was dedicating their time to attend a practice or simply giving us a pep talk. This support undoubtedly allowed our team to constantly improve our writing and oral advocacy skills and led to our success."

HAYLEY SCOTT

"As I look back on this year, and my moot court experience as a whole, it is incredible to reflect on the amount of support and resources OU Law provides to its competition teams. From the advocacy focus of the first-year Legal Research and Writing Program to the dedicated coaching each team receives, being a part of OU Law's Competitions Program is a special experience. None of this would have been possible, however, without the support of faculty, staff and alumni who helped us prepare for our competitions."

MICHAEL NASH

The National Moot Court Team of Hayley Scott, Michael Nash and Hilary Soileau placed second in their regional rounds, securing a spot in the national rounds in New York.



Albert R. Mugel National Tax Moot Court Competition Team
Emily Ramseyer, Jason Bollinger



National Native American Law Student
Association Moot Court Competition
Nathan Lobaugh

Smothermon asked me to coach the mediation teams in 2016 and 2017, I was thrilled to be able to help students have the same rewarding experience I had."

McDuffey assisted Professor Erin Means in 2016 and traveled with the team to the regional competition in St. Louis. She took on a more active coaching role in the 2017 competition and even recruited members of her law firm to help the team prepare.

Alumni support of the Competitions Program does not go unnoticed by student competitors. Jason Bollinger and teammate Emily Ramseyer competed in the Albert R. Mugel National Tax Moot Court Competition in Buffalo, New York, and won the award for Best Brief.

"Participating on the tax moot court team has been the highlight of my law school experience thus far," said Bollinger. "We

received our problem approximately one month prior to the competition, so the brief-writing process and oral argument preparation were intense. We couldn't have achieved the success we did without the help of Professor Jonathan Forman and OU Law alumni John Curtis ('16) and Wyatt Swinford ('15). All three spent multiple weekends and evenings helping us prepare."

Establishing and maintaining a nationally recognized moot court program is truly a team effort. "We are overwhelmingly proud of our students, and thankful for our dedicated alumni, faculty and staff," said Harroz. "Everyone's hard work has once again launched OU Law's Competitions Program into the national spotlight, solidifying our college as a leader in legal education and one of our nation's great public law schools."

Alumni volunteers work with student competitors



CHRISTOPHER STAINE

Class of 2010

EMPLOYMENT

Staine is an attorney with Crowe & Dunlevy, based in the firm's Oklahoma

City office, where his practice focuses on bankruptcy and creditor's rights, energy and natural resources, and commercial litigation.

AS A STUDENT

Staine served as the 2009-2010 president of the Ada Lois Sipuel Fisher Chapter of the Black Law Students Association and was an active member of Phi Delta Phi Legal Honor Society and the Board of Advocates. He participated in two competitions – the National Appellate Advocacy Competition, sponsored by the American Bar Association Law Student Division, and the National Moot Court Competition, co-sponsored by the New York City Bar Association and the American College of Trial Lawyers.

He was recognized for his academic excellence by being named the 2009-10 National Black Law Students Association's Most Outstanding Student, a member of the Order of the Barristers and an Amos T. Hall Scholar. In addition, Staine was awarded the Joel Jankowsky Award honoring the most outstanding graduating law student in 2010.

A FAVORITE MEMORY

"One of my favorite coaching memories involves coaching the team of Jonathan Brewer ('15) and Marcus Barahona ('15) in the 2013-14 regional and national Frederick Douglass Moot Court Competitions. Jonathan and Marcus were my first student competitors to coach, and they easily made my coaching experience one to remember by winning the regional competition and securing the third-place award at the national competition. This team's overall success was an accomplishment of which to be proud alone, but the tireless effort and oral advocacy skills that were displayed to obtain that success was what most impressed me. It truly was a reminder that there is no substitute for hard work."



MELISSA MCDUFFEY

Class of 2015

EMPLOYMENT

McDuffey works in the Oklahoma City office of Crowe & Dunlevy. She is a

member of the firm's labor and employment and litigation and trial practice groups.

AS A STUDENT

McDuffey was included on the Dean's List, a member of Phi Delta Phi Legal Honor Society and a note and comment editor for *Oklahoma Law Review*. She received several honors and awards, including selection into Order of the Coif and Order of Solicitors and three American Jurisprudence Awards for Academic Excellence.

McDuffey also competed in the 2015 American Bar Association Section of Dispute Resolution Representation in Mediation Competition, where her team won both the regional and national titles.

A FAVORITE MEMORY

"One of the regional competitions for the 2017 American Bar Association Section of Dispute Resolution Representation in Mediation Competition was in Norman. My favorite memory is when the teams came to my law firm and attorneys in the firm volunteered to critique and advise their performance. The teams came in full competition attire, and they were amazing. My colleagues were able to provide great advice, and the teams really benefitted from that experience."

2016-2017 Competitions

APPELLATE ADVOCACY/MOOT COURT COMPETITIONS

Frederick Douglass Moot Court Competition sponsored by the National Black Law Students Association

Team members: Julie Hunter and Isiah Brydie

Coaches: Jonathan Brewer ('15) and Christopher Staine ('10)

Hispanic National Bar Association Moot Court Competition sponsored by the Student Division of the Hispanic National Bar Association

Team members: Katie Wilmes, Jonathan Herrera and Jake Ingle
Coach: Professor Daniel Nicholson

Philip C. Jessup International Law Moot Court Competition sponsored by the International Law Students Association

Team members: Ryan Hunnicutt, Mackenzie Copen, Lauren Swanson, Janny Gandhi and Torri Christian
Coaches: Professors Evelyn Aswad and Murray Tabb

American Bar Association Law Student Division National Appellate Advocacy Competition

Team members: Alex Richard, Ryan Wilson, Colby Byrd, Hanna Roberts, Loreli Wright and Jenny Puckett
Coach: Professor Michele Johnson

National Moot Court Competition sponsored by the New York City Bar Association and the American College of Trial Lawyers

Team members: Hayley Scott, Hilary Soileau, Michael Nash, Bryan Lynch, Josh Fanelli and Gerard D'Emilio
Coach: Professor Gail Mullins

National Native American Law Students Association Moot Court Competition

Team members: Austin Vance, Nathan Lobaugh, Olivia Glazner, Kane Cassil, Ashley Helberg and Austin Rabon
Coach: Professor Taiawagi Helton

Saul Lefkowitz Moot Court Competition sponsored by the International Trademark Association

Team members: Eleanor Burg, Kelli Reidlinger, Ariane Takano, Stan West and Natalie Nguyen
Coaches: Professors Sarah Burstein and Maria Kolar

Albert R. Mugal National Tax Law Moot Court Competition sponsored by the SUNY Buffalo Law School

Team members: Emily Ramseyer and Jason Bollinger
Coaches: Professor Jonathan Forman, John C. Curtis ('16) and Wyatt Swinford ('15)

Ruby R. Vale Interschool Corporate Moot Court Competition sponsored by Widener University School of Law

Team members: Nicole Ward, Alex Sokolosky, Hannah Holmes and Joshua Conaway
Coach: Professor Megan Shaner

William B. Spong Jr. Invitational Moot Court Tournament

Team members: Leslie Gile, Maggie Logan, Connor Bourland and Ty Schoenhals
Coach: Professor Mary Sue Backus

Charleston School of Law National Moot Court Competition

Team members: Kelly Bergin, Gunner Joyce and Steven Harris
Coach: Professor Rick Tepker

Andrews Kurth Kenyon Moot Court National Championship

Team members: Audrey Roth, Lindsey Tanner and Ryan Wilson
Coaches: Professor Connie Smothermon and Lindsay Kistler ('16)

TRIAL TEAM COMPETITIONS

American Association for Justice Student Trial Advocacy Competition

Team members: Susan Kuruvilla, David Schwartz, Erin Thompson, Ginny Johnson, Brennan Clay, Anthony Dee, Kayla Kuri and Kelly Offutt
Coaches: Professor Connie Smothermon and Emily Mueller ('11)

National Trial Competition sponsored by the American College of Trial Lawyers and the Texas Young Lawyers Association

Team members: Genni Ellis, Matt Schlake, Lucas West, Eric Meissner and Ricky Lutz
Coach: Professor Mary Ann Roberts

American Bar Association Section of Labor and Employment Law Trial Advocacy Competition

Team members: Jeremiah Gregory, Alex Richard, Chris Forasiepi, Kelly Offutt and Matt Craig
Coach: Professor Connie Smothermon

Redbud Classic Trial Competition sponsored by the University of Tulsa

Team members: Ashley Helburg, Austin Rabon, Genni Ellis and Tonika Brown
Coach: Professor Connie Smothermon

SKILLS COMPETITIONS

American Bar Association Law Student Division Client Counseling Competition

Team members: Joanna Hensley,
Emilee Crowther, Leann Farha and
Maegan Whelchel

Coach: Professor Amy Pepper

American Bar Association Law Student Division Negotiation Competition

Team members: Jillian Goodman,
Evan Way, Morgen Potts, Robin Kirk,
Dillion Turner and Molly Clinkscales

Coach: Scott Backus ('08)

American Bar Association Law Student Division Arbitration Competition

Team members: Shawn Ceyler,
Kanton Vaverka, Alex Sullivan and
Brendon Palmer

Coaches: Professor Connie Smothermon
and Micah Cartwright ('16)

American Bar Association Section of Dispute Resolution Representation in Mediation Competition

Team members: Mitchell Spencer,
Orin Strand, Tonika Brown and
Teddy Webb

Coach: Melissa McDuffey ('15)

L. Edward Bryant Jr. National Health Law Transactional Competition

Team members: Joseph Geresi,
Whitney Dockery and Alexander Albert

Coaches: Professors Gail Mullins and
Connie Smothermon

South Texas College of Law Houston Energy Law Negotiation Competition

Team members: Douglas Brooking and
Jessica Fredrickson

Coach: Jordan Volino ('16) | **SL** |

2016-2017 Competitions Program alumni volunteers

COACHED AND TRAVELED WITH TEAMS

Scott Backus ('08)
Jonathan Brewer ('15)
Micah Cartwright ('16)
Lindsay Kistler ('16)

Melissa McDuffey ('15)
Emily Mueller ('11)
Christopher Staine ('10)
Jordan Volino ('16)

COACHED/ASSISTED WITH PRACTICES

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Jade Caldwell ('12)
Nick Coffey ('16)
John C. Curtis ('16)
Jered Davidson ('12)
Clifford C. Dougherty ('85)
Alex Duncan ('15)
Paige Hoster Good ('13)
Justin Grose ('12)
Nathan Hall ('16)
Derrick Harvey ('01)
Jeffrey Hendrickson ('16)
Blake Johnson ('15)
Jenna Rader Johnson ('01)
Harry "Skeeter" Jordan ('15)
Rachel Jordan ('16)
James Linhardt ('13)
Heidi Long ('97)

Mitch McGrew ('16)
Brett Merritt ('14)
Trisha Misak ('97)
Andrew Morris ('13)
Gauri Nautiyal ('13)
Sam Newton ('13)
Tiffany Noble ('16)
Marcus Pacheco ('16)
Lori Spencer Puckett ('94)
Alia Ramirez ('16)
Ann Robl ('11)
David M. Sullivan ('00)
Cullen Sweeney ('10)
Wyatt Swinford ('15)
Brett Thomas ('15)
Jeff Vogt ('15)
Tynia Watson ('11)
Patrick Wyrick ('07)

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Wayne Alley
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Mary Sue Backus
Brenda Barnes ('99)
Kenton Brice ('09)
Sarah Burstein
Steve Cleveland
Monika Ehrman
Jonathan Forman
Darin Fox ('92)
Steve Gensler
Katheleen Guzman
Taiawagi Helton
Stephen Henderson
Michelle Johnson
Maria Kolar

Brian McCall
Erin Means ('09)
Melissa Mortazavi
Gail Mullins ('93)
Daniel Nicholson ('02)
Laura Palk ('92)
Amy Pepper ('87)
Mary Ann Roberts ('97)
Ted Roberts ('64)
Joshua Sellers
Megan Shaner
Connie Smothermon
Murray Tabb
Rick Tepker

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THREE ALUMNI INDUCTED INTO HALL OF FAME

BY MACKENZIE A. DILBECK AND JONELLA FRANK

The OU College of Law honored three outstanding alumni at its annual Order of the Owl Hall of Fame dinner and induction ceremony March 6. A record-setting 540 alumni, faculty, staff and friends filled the Molly Shi Boren Ballroom in Oklahoma Memorial Union for dinner and the induction ceremony. OU Law alumni honored were David B. Lewis ('83), Judy Hamilton Morse ('79) and Steven W. Taylor ('74).

Calling the Order of the Owl Hall of Fame evening one of his favorite events of the academic year, Dean Joe Harroz welcomed attendees, acknowledged dignitaries and introduced the newest members of the OU chapter of the Order of the Coif. Fourteen 2016 graduates and three new faculty members, Roger M. Michalski, Melissa Mortazavi and Joshua S. Sellers, were elected into the legal scholastic honor society. In addition, Stanley L. Evans, former dean of students, was selected by the chapter as its 2016 honorary member.

"Each of this year's inductees represents the best of OU Law," said Harroz. "We are honored to recognize their many accomplishments and are indebted to them for the legacy of service they model for generations of OU Law students."

Harroz spoke about each of the honorees, enumerating professional achievements and reading comments from friends and colleagues. One by one, the inductee and a student presenter joined Harroz on stage for the presentation of the owl sculpture symbolizing membership in the Order of the Owl Hall of Fame. Each of them spoke briefly after receiving the award.

The evening was capped off with the singing of the OU Chant, led by Gerard Michael D'Emilio, award-winning bass-baritone and 2L law student.



OWL



David B. Lewis, Judy Hamilton Morse and Steven W. Taylor are the most recent inductees into the Order of the Owl.



David B. Lewis

CLASS OF 1983

David B. Lewis is the first African-American to serve on the Oklahoma Court of Criminal Appeals, having been appointed to the court in 2005. He served as presiding judge of the court from 2013 to 2014.

Before becoming a judge, Lewis spent three years in private practice and four years as a Comanche County prosecutor. Later, he was a special judge from 1991 to 1999 and a district judge for Comanche, Stephens, Jefferson and Cotton counties from 1999 to 2005.

Lewis has held numerous leadership and civic positions, including president of the Oklahoma Judicial Conference. He was a member of the Class of 2008 Henry Toll Fellowship Program of the Council of State Governments and has served as past chairman of Reach Out and Read Oklahoma. He currently is a fellow of both the Oklahoma Bar Foundation and the American Bar Association; co-chair of the Oklahoma Bar Association Bench and Bar Committee; a member of the board of directors for the Girl Scouts of Western Oklahoma; and also is a member of the OU College of Law Board of Visitors.

Stan West, president of the Ada Lois Sipuel Fisher Black Law Students Association, presented Lewis' award.



Joe Harroz, David B. Lewis, Stan West

"I got to know Judge Lewis during my last semester of law school. As many of you know, he is a very dynamic and inspirational person. He told me I needed to give back to my community and show them success was possible, and so I did."

RUTH J. ADDISON ('07)

Crowe & Dunlevy

"David is a shining example of the values this award celebrates. I can think of no one who has spent more time mentoring law students to become great lawyers. David comes from humble beginnings. He is the eldest of three children raised by an amazing single mother. Ms. Lewis impressed upon her children the value of hard work, instilled in them self-determination, and taught them to be courageous and to never give up. David fulfilled his dream of becoming a successful trial lawyer, a prosecutor, and having the courage and the distinguished honor to become the second African-American district court judge in the state of Oklahoma to win a county-wide election."

TOM J. COLBERT ('82)

Oklahoma Supreme Court



Judy Hamilton Morse

CLASS OF 1979

Judy Hamilton Morse was the first woman to serve as president of a major law firm in Oklahoma. She held the role at her current firm, Crowe & Dunlevy, for three years. She currently is a director in the firm's Oklahoma City office and is the immediate past chair of the litigation and trial practice groups. Morse is an experienced trial lawyer, having spent her career focused on litigation and trial

practice, as well as bankruptcy and creditors' rights.

She is an elected member of both the Litigation Counsel of America and the International Defense Counsel Association. Last year, she was elected as a fellow of the American College of Bankruptcy Attorneys. She also is a member of the OU College of Law Board of Visitors.

For more than 20 years, Morse has been listed in *Best Lawyers* and was recently named the publication's 2017 Oklahoma City "Lawyer of the Year" in the area of banking and finance litigation. Last year, Morse was recognized as one of the "Top 250 Women in Litigation" by *Benchmark Litigation*, the definitive guide to the country's leading female litigators. *Super Lawyers* also named Morse one of Oklahoma's "Top 50 Lawyers" last year, and for seven consecutive years has recognized her as one of Oklahoma's "Top 25 Female Lawyers."

Megan Anson, president of the Student Bar Association, presented Morse's award.



Joe Harroz, Judy Hamilton Morse, Megan Anson

"Judy has more stamina, works longer and accomplishes more than anyone else. She is a tough, fair and effective advocate, able to bring matters to a successful conclusion when others could not. She is unfailingly kind to everyone. Judy is one of those few extraordinary people who has the character and determination to excel despite the odds; to stay "all in the game" when others would fold; and to be true to herself despite the cost. She is truly 'a woman for all seasons.'"

BROOKE MURPHY

Crowe & Dunlevy

"Thomas Jefferson would have loved Judy Hamilton Morse. She has given real life to his dream of 'an aristocracy of achievement arising out of a democracy of opportunity.' Overcoming obstacles that would have discouraged others, she persevered and with brilliance and skill achieved outstanding distinction as a lawyer. And, she has done it all with elegance and grace. Thanks, Judy, for helping make up for the shortcomings of many of us older 'Owls.' You make us all look better!"

RALPH G. THOMPSON ('61)

U.S. District Court for the Western District of Oklahoma



Steven W. Taylor

CLASS OF 1974

Steven W. Taylor has spent his life serving the United States and the people of Oklahoma. He joined the U.S. Marine Corps in 1970 and served on active duty from 1974 to 1978. He was trained as an infantry platoon commander and later served as a prosecutor and chief defense counsel. In 1977, he became the youngest judge in the U.S.

Armed Forces. He was promoted to the rank of major.

Following active duty service, Taylor practiced law in McAlester, Oklahoma, and was later elected mayor, making him the youngest mayor in that city's history. In 1984, he was appointed associate district judge for Pittsburg County, and was later elected district judge of the 18th Judicial District in 1994. In 2004, he was appointed to the Oklahoma Supreme Court, where he served as chief justice from 2011 to 2013. In his 20 years as a trial judge, Taylor presided over more than 500 jury trials, including the state trial of the Oklahoma City bombing case.

Taylor has been honored with the Oklahoma Bar Association Award of Judicial Excellence, the OU Regents' Alumni Award, and induction into the Oklahoma Hall of Fame and the Oklahoma State University Hall of Fame. He also is a member of the OU College of Law Board of Visitors. In December 2016, after nearly 33 years of judicial service to Oklahoma, Taylor retired from the Oklahoma Supreme Court.

Michael Nash, editor-in-chief of the *Oklahoma Law Review*, presented Taylor's award. |SL|



Joe Harroz, Steven W. Taylor, Michael Nash

"I don't think I know anyone as grounded, stable, honest, loyal and committed to Oklahoma as Steve Taylor. He sees everyone as equals and truly cares about their lives. The love and passion we probably share the most is all things Thunder. He is a big part of the Thunder family, attending most every game in his seat, which he has held since day one. He spends time in the family room before the game and at halftime, where he has become a meaningful fixture for family members of players, coaches and staff. He takes time to provide thought, counsel and good humor for these important people who are now making Oklahoma their home, and they consider him a good friend."

CLAY BENNETT

OU Regent and chairman of the Oklahoma City Thunder

"My dear friend, Justice Steven Taylor, is well known for his composed command of the courtroom, his diligent attention to detail and his amazing legal acuity. Indeed, few have matched the extraordinary excellence of Justice Taylor's lengthy judicial career, spanning from the trial court to the highest appellate bench in the state. However, it's his steadfast commitment to the service of others that stands out in my mind. As I often say, 'Service is the rent you pay for the space you occupy.' Steven Taylor has paid, and continues to pay, his rent many times over. He is the quintessential public servant. Bless you, my friend. If only we had more like you."

BRAD HENRY ('88)

Former Oklahoma Governor

Since the **Order of the Owl** was established in 2011, 20 deserving OU Law alumni previously have been inducted and honored:

Thomas R. Brett ('57)
 Bill W. Burgess Jr. ('80)
 Michael Burrage ('74)
 Robin J. Cauthron ('77)
 Andrew M. Coats ('63)

Tom J. Colbert ('82)
 James T. Comfort ('57)
 William T. Comfort Jr. ('61)
 Ada Lois Sipuel Fisher ('51)
 James L. Gallogly ('77)

Noma D. Gurich ('78)
 William G. Paul ('56)
 W. DeVier Pierson ('57)
 J. Hugh Roff Jr. ('55)
 William J. Ross ('54)

Kathy Taylor ('81)
 Ralph G. Thompson ('61)
 Lee West ('56)
 Reggie Whitten ('80)
 Alma Bell Wilson ('41)



Family and friends of Judge David B. Lewis celebrate with him following the induction ceremony.



Stan Evans ('03), former dean of students and 2017 Order of the Coif honorary member (center), stands with professors Jonathan Forman and Katheleen Guzman, faculty advisers to OU Law's Order of the Coif chapter.



Close friends of Judy Hamilton Morse gather around her for a photo to commemorate the evening. Pictured (from left) are Steve Calonkey, Susy Calonkey, Don Sickles, Trudy Sickles, Judy Hamilton Morse, David Morse ('79), Karen Rieger ('81) and Andy Rieger.

New scholastic journal sponsors inaugural symposium

BY MACKENZIE DILBECK



Professor Monika Ehrman, *ONE J* faculty adviser, opens the symposium.



Second-year student Kane Cassil asks panel members a question from the audience.

The first *Oil and Gas, Natural Resources, and Energy Journal (ONE J)* Symposium was held April 7 in OU Law's Dick Bell Courtroom. Titled "The Future of Oil and Gas Law and Policy," the event featured three panels of experts speaking on relevant energy industry topics.

"It is a special and unprecedented occasion to have the world's top scholars in the fields of oil and gas, natural resources, and energy law gathered together for the inaugural *ONE J* Symposium," said Dean Joe Harroz. "The OU College of Law is a distinct leader in this space, and we're excited to showcase our expertise and that of our many distinguished guest speakers. This symposium adds to our unmatched programming in oil and gas, natural resources and energy law, and it promises to be a success."

The topics and panelists included:

The Future of Domestic Oil and Gas Law and Policy

Bruce Kramer, Texas Tech University School of Law
Patrick Martin, Louisiana State University Paul M. Herbert Law Center
Phillip Norvell ('73), University of Arkansas School of Law
David Pierce, Washburn University School of Law
Ernest Smith, The University of Texas School of Law

The Future of International Oil and Gas Law and Policy

Owen Anderson, OU College of Law and The University of Texas School of Law
John Lowe, SMU Dedman School of Law
David Percy, University of Alberta Faculty of Law
Shelby Bush ('90), Hillwood Energy

Emerging Issues in Oil and Gas Law and Policy

Keith Hall, Louisiana State University Paul M. Herbert Law Center
Christopher Kulander ('05), South Texas College of Law Houston
Tara Righetti, University of Wyoming College of Law
Alex Ritchie, University of New Mexico School of Law



Symposium panelists, OU Law faculty and *ONE J* student editors gather for a group photo in the Dick Bell Courtroom prior to the event.

"Oklahoma has a long legacy of oil and gas exploration," said Monika Ehrman, associate professor of law, ONE program faculty head and *ONE J* faculty adviser. "Some of the world's largest majors and independents were born in our state. This richness in hydrocarbons and history is a strong reason for OU Law's strength in and commitment to oil and gas law."

Established in 2015, *Oil and Gas, Natural Resources, and Energy Journal* is the first of its kind. The journal publishes peer-reviewed articles of the highest quality addressing legal and business issues, practices and policy developments related to the oil and gas, natural resources and energy fields. *ONE J* offers in-depth articles by academics, practitioners and other interested scholars. The journal is published as an online open-source publication made available free of charge to subscribers. *ONE J* can be accessed by visiting digitalcommons.law.ou.edu/onej/. |SL|



Professors Phillip Norvell, David Pierce and Ernest Smith discuss the future of domestic oil and gas law and policy.

News briefs

1950s



William G. Paul ('56) was awarded the Pace Alexander Lifetime Achievement Award by the American Bar Association Council for Racial and Ethnic Diversity in the Educational Pipeline. He is of counsel with Crowe & Dunlevy in Oklahoma City.

Homer Paul ('59) received the Regents' Alumni Award presented by the OU Board of Regents and OU Alumni Association. After many years in the banking industry, he retired as president of Citizens Security Bank in Bixby, Oklahoma.

1960s

C.T. Hardwick ('63) was listed in the 2017 edition of *Chambers USA* for energy and natural resources. He is a shareholder of Hall Estill in the Tulsa, Oklahoma, office.

N. Martin Stringer ('64) was included in the 2017 edition of *Chambers USA* for corporate/commercial. He is of counsel with McAfee & Taft in Oklahoma City.

David L. Boren ('68) was elected to the American Academy of Arts and Sciences in the category of public affairs, business and administration. He has served Oklahoma as a state legislator, governor and U.S. senator, and since 1994, has served as president of the University of Oklahoma.



John E. Green Sr.

1929 – 2017

John Edwin Green Sr. was born to Idella and Mack C. Green in Wright City, Oklahoma. He graduated from Booker T. Washington High School in Tulsa and from Morehouse College in Atlanta. Following

his service in the Korean War, Green attended the University of Oklahoma College of Law and graduated in 1957, becoming the college's second black law school graduate.

He entered private practice with the Oklahoma City law firm of Bruce and Rowan. During his time with the firm, he filed and litigated the landmark school desegregation case *Board of Education of Oklahoma City Public Schools v. Dowell*. In 1963, he began a 34-year-long career in the office of the U.S. Attorney, Western District of Oklahoma, serving over those years as assistant, first assistant and acting U.S. attorney.

Green participated widely in the legal community and was a member of the Federal Bar Association, American Bar Association, Oklahoma Bar Association Board of Governors, Oklahoma County Bar Association, Oklahoma City Association of Black Lawyers and the University of Oklahoma College of Law Board of Visitors.

In "semi-retirement" Green continued to serve the community in many ways, playing a major role in the creation of the Southwestern Urban Foundation, and as a member or board member of the Eastside YMCA, NAACP, St. Anthony Hospital Foundation, Oklahoma Medical Research Foundation, Oklahoma County Finance Authority, Oklahoma City Community Foundation and Oklahoma County Community Action Program.

Green was predeceased by his parents, five siblings and his wife, Wanda Sharp Green. He is survived by his son, John E. Green Jr., and a host of nieces and nephews.

Reid Robison ('68) was included in the 2017 edition of *Chambers USA* for commercial litigation. He is a shareholder with McAfee & Taft in Oklahoma City.

Frank Keating ('69) was appointed to the University of Oklahoma Board of Regents. The former Oklahoma governor is a senior partner of Holland & Knight and was based in the firm's Washington, D.C., office, but now lives in Oklahoma City.

Don G. Holladay ('69) was elected to the board of trustees for the University of Science and Arts of Oklahoma Foundation in Chickasha. He is a founding partner at Holladay & Chilton in Oklahoma City.



Terence C. Kern ('69) was inducted into the Oklahoma State University Alumni Association Hall of Fame. He also was named to the Oklahoma Medical Research Foundation board of directors. Kern serves on the U.S.

District Court for the Northern District of Oklahoma as a senior judge with an active civil docket.

1970s

Michael R. Ford ('70) joined Hall Estill as a shareholder in the firm's Oklahoma City office. His transactional practice includes mergers, acquisitions, dispositions, commercial and real estate law.

Burns Hargis ('70) was named as the Big 12 representative to the National Collegiate Athletic Association Board of Directors. He has served as president of Oklahoma State University since 2008.

Lynnwood R. "Lynn" Moore Jr. ('70) was inducted into the Washington-Lee High School Hall of Fame in Arlington, Virginia. He is of counsel with Conner & Winters in Tulsa, Oklahoma, with a practice focused on general corporate matters, securities regulation and mergers and acquisitions.

Robert D. Nelon ('71) was listed in the 2017 edition of *Chambers USA* for general commercial litigation. He is a shareholder of Hall Estill in the Oklahoma City office.

David W. Lee ('73) is now of counsel to Riggs, Abney, Neal, Turpen, Orbison & Lewis in Oklahoma City. His areas of practice include federal civil rights, employment law and appellate advocacy.

Charles H. Pankey ('74) was recognized by the Oklahoma Municipal League and City of Piedmont for more than a quarter century of service as municipal judge. He is of counsel at Miller Dollarhide in Oklahoma City.

Steven E. Clark ('75) released *Justice Is for the Deserving*, his second novel in the Kristen Kerry legal suspense series. He is the managing partner at Clark & Mitchell PC in Oklahoma City.

John N. Hermes ('75) was included in the 2017 edition of *Chambers USA* for commercial litigation. He is a shareholder with McAfee & Taft in Oklahoma City.

John A. Kenney ('75) was included in the 2017 edition of *Chambers USA* for commercial litigation and intellectual property. He is a shareholder with McAfee & Taft in Oklahoma City.

Michael E. Smith ('75) was listed in the 2017 edition of *Chambers USA* for energy and natural resources. He is a shareholder of Hall Estill in the Oklahoma City office.

Michael E. Joseph ('76) was included in the 2017 edition of *Chambers USA* for corporate/commercial: healthcare. He is a shareholder with McAfee & Taft in Oklahoma City.

C. David Stinson ('76) was included in the 2017 edition of *Chambers USA* for energy and natural resources. He is of counsel with McAfee & Taft in Oklahoma City.

Bruce Crum ('77) was included in the 2017 edition of *Chambers USA* for corporate/commercial. He is a shareholder of McAfee & Taft in Oklahoma City.

Jim Gallogly ('77) received the Alumni and Friends Award from the University of Colorado Colorado Springs. He is the retired chief executive of LyondellBasell in Houston.

Lloyd T. Hardin Jr. ('77) was included in the 2017 edition of *Chambers USA* for real state. He practices with McAfee & Taft, based in the firm's Oklahoma City office.



Tom Gruber ('77) was named senior deputy attorney general and will supervise the legal counsel division and tobacco enforcement unit in the Oklahoma attorney general's office. He previously was of counsel to

GableGotwals and served two terms as district attorney for Oklahoma District 26.

Joseph H. Bocock ('78) was included in the 2017 edition of *Chambers USA* for commercial litigation. He is a shareholder of McAfee & Taft in Oklahoma City.



C. Allen McCall Jr. ('79) was appointed to the Oklahoma Pardon and Parole Board. He retired as a district judge for Cotton and Comanche counties in 2013 after compiling 31 years of judicial service in Oklahoma.

1980s

Mark D. Christiansen ('80) was included in the 2017 edition of *Chambers USA* for energy and natural resources. He is a shareholder of McAfee & Taft in Oklahoma City.



Virginia Henson ('80) received the Chair Award from the Oklahoma Bar Association Family Law Section at the OBA Annual Meeting. She is a partner at Petersen, Henson, Meadows, Pecore & Peot PC in Norman, Oklahoma.

David N. Martin ('80) retired as associate district judge of Okfuskee County in Okemah, Oklahoma. He served in the position for 26 years, having previously been in private practice.

Elizabeth Scott Wood ('80) was included in the 2017 edition of *Chambers USA* for labor and employment. She is a shareholder of McAfee & Taft in Oklahoma City.

W. Chris Coleman ('82) was included in the 2017 edition of *Chambers USA* for corporate/commercial. He is a shareholder of McAfee & Taft in Oklahoma City.

Mike Hunter ('82) was appointed to serve as Oklahoma's attorney general. He previously served as secretary of state.

Stephen W. Ray ('82) was listed in the 2017 edition of *Chambers USA* for corporate/commercial. He is a shareholder of Hall Estill in the Tulsa, Oklahoma, office.

Trent H. Baggett ('83) was named executive coordinator of the District Attorneys Council. He has been with the agency since 1997, previously serving as assistant executive coordinator.

Robert W. Dace ('83) was included in the 2017 edition of *Chambers USA* for commercial litigation. He is a shareholder of McAfee & Taft in Oklahoma City.



P. Kay Flood ('83) received the 2016 Elected Women of Excellence Award from the National Foundation for Women Legislators. She serves as a member of the Oklahoma State Senate, representing District 46, and previously served in the Oklahoma House of Representatives.

David B. Lewis ('83) was honored in May at the A.C. Hamlin Banquet sponsored by the Oklahoma Black Caucus Foundation. He has served as a judge on the Oklahoma Court of Criminal Appeals since 2005 and was the court's presiding judge from 2013-2014.

David L. Perryman ('83) was appointed to serve as the floor leader of the House Democratic Caucus in the Oklahoma House of Representatives, where he is beginning his third term. He maintains a private law practice in Chickasha, Oklahoma.

Clifford C. Dougherty III ('85) was included in the 2017 edition of *Chambers USA* for intellectual property. He is a shareholder of McAfee & Taft in Oklahoma City.

Joel W. Harmon ('85) was appointed co-chair of Crowe & Dunlevy's banking and financial institutions practice group. He is a director of the firm in the Oklahoma City office.

David L. Kearney ('85) was named partner at Durbin Larimore & Bialick PC in Oklahoma City. His litigation practice includes environmental law, oil and gas, eminent domain, products liability, insurance and construction law.

Myrna Latham ('85) was included in the 2017 edition of *Chambers USA* for real estate. She is a shareholder of McAfee & Taft in Oklahoma City.

William T. Fitzgerald ('86) joined the Fort Worth, Texas, law firm of Broude, Smith, Jennings, McGlinchey & Fitzgerald PC as a shareholder. He has practiced in Fort Worth for more than 30 years and is a frequent lecturer on issues affecting the pharmaceutical and medical device industry.

Kimberly J. Korando ('86) was included in 2017 North Carolina *Super Lawyers* and was listed in the 2017 edition of *Chambers USA*. She is a partner of Smith Anderson in Raleigh, North Carolina. She leads the firm's employment, labor and human resources practice group.



Steven L. Rahhal ('87) was recognized by BTI Consulting Group as a 2017 "Client Service All-Star MVP." He is a shareholder of Littler, based in the firm's Dallas office, with a practice concentrated on management-side

employment and labor law.

Timothy J. Bomhoff ('88) was included in the 2017 edition of *Chambers USA* for energy and natural resources. He is a shareholder of McAfee & Taft in Oklahoma City.

Brad Henry ('88) received a 2017 Distinguished Alumni Award from the University of Oklahoma College of Arts and Sciences. He formerly served as Oklahoma governor and now is of counsel to Spencer Fane LLP. He also is a founding member of Henry-Adams Companies LLC.

Tony G. Puckett ('88) was included in the 2017 edition of *Chambers USA* for labor and employment. He is a shareholder of McAfee & Taft in Oklahoma City.



Richard C. Ogden ('89) was appointed as a district judge in Oklahoma County. He previously served as an Oklahoma County special judge and as an attorney in private practice.

Timothy S. Posey ('89) was listed in the 2017 edition of *Chambers USA* for Native American law. He is a shareholder of Hall Estill in the Tulsa, Oklahoma, office.



Paul D. Trimble ('89) joined the Oklahoma City office of Spencer Fane LLP as a partner. His practice is focused on oil and gas matters involving complex transactions and litigation. He previously served as in-house counsel for an energy company and practiced with another Oklahoma City firm.

1990s



Robert L. Garbrecht ('90) was elected as a fellow of the American College of Real Estate Lawyers and also was included in the 2017 edition of *Chambers USA* for real estate. He is a shareholder of McAfee & Taft in Oklahoma City.

Michael F. Lauderdale ('90) was included in the 2017 edition of *Chambers USA* for labor and employment. He is a shareholder and managing director of McAfee & Taft in Oklahoma City.

Tricia D. Gardner ('91) was elected president of the American Professional Society on the Abuse of Children. She is an associate professor within the developmental and behavioral pediatrics section at the University of Oklahoma Health Sciences Center.

Anthony Rahhal ('91) was included in the 2017 edition of *Chambers USA* for intellectual property. He is a shareholder of McAfee & Taft in Oklahoma City.



Margaret Travis ('91) joined the staff of the Oklahoma Bar Association as the part-time coordinator of the Oklahoma Lawyers for America's Heroes Program. A private practitioner since 1991, she currently focuses her practice on bankruptcy.

Benton T. Wheatley ('91) was named managing shareholder for the Austin, Texas, office of Munsch Hardt Kopf & Harr PC. His areas of practice include arbitration, construction and construction litigation.



Joseph J. Ferretti ('92) was elected president of the International Trademark Association for 2017. He is a vice president and chief counsel at PepsiCo Inc., based in Plano, Texas.

Prior to joining PepsiCo in 2005, he was a shareholder/director at Crowe & Dunlevy, where he led the intellectual property practice group.

Todd A. Nelson ('92) joined GableGotwals as a shareholder in Tulsa, Oklahoma. His practice includes intellectual property, business transactions and related litigation.

Nathan L. Whatley ('92) was included in the 2017 edition of *Chambers USA* for labor and employment. He is a shareholder of McAfee & Taft in Oklahoma City.

Sean Burrage ('93) was appointed to the Oklahoma Office of Juvenile Affairs Board of Directors. He is the president of Southeastern Oklahoma State University in Durant.

Phillip L. Free Jr. ('93) was listed in the 2017 edition of *Chambers USA* for intellectual property. He is a shareholder of Hall Estill in the Oklahoma City office.

Todd Hageman ('94) joined Gori Julian & Associates PC in Edwardsville, Illinois, where his practice focuses on personal injury cases. He previously worked in the Office of General Counsel for the Federal Election Commission in Washington, D.C.

James F. Lea III ('94) joined GableGotwals as a shareholder. Based in the firm's Tulsa, Oklahoma, office, his practice focuses on intellectual property, and includes foreign and domestic patents, trademarks and copyrights.

Lori Puckett ('94) was sworn in as special judge for Cleveland County. She previously served for 24 years as an assistant district attorney in Cleveland, McClain and Garvin counties in Oklahoma.

Clark Jolley ('95) was appointed to a six-year term on the Oklahoma Tax Commission. He previously served 12 years in the Oklahoma Senate.

T. Michael Blake ('96) was included in the 2017 edition of *Chambers USA* for corporate/commercial: tax. He is a shareholder of McAfee & Taft in Oklahoma City.

Paul Hesse ('96) was appointed Canadian County district judge. He previously served as first assistant in the Canadian County District Attorney's Office and worked for the Oklahoma Tax Commission.

Susan Eads ('98) was selected to complete an unexpired term on the city council of Midwest City, Oklahoma. She works as deputy general counsel for the Oklahoma Health Care Authority.

2000s

D. Casey Davis ('00) joined Jacquelyn Ford Law as an associate partner in Oklahoma City. He previously served as an assistant attorney general, assistant general counsel for the Grand River Dam Authority and maintained a private practice.

Steven R. Porch ('00) was appointed circuit judge of the Arkansas 10th Judicial District, Fourth Division. He has served as managing public defender for the district since 2008 and prior to that, as deputy prosecuting attorney.

Amy Beth Dobbins ('01) published her first book, *The Last Leg: A Belt Creek Novel*, about a young girl growing up in a fictional Texas town. Dobbins maintains a private practice in Collinsville, Oklahoma.

Shannon Gerhart ('01) was appointed judge of El Paso County Court in Colorado. She previously served for 16 years in the 4th Judicial District Attorney's Office, most recently as the chief deputy district attorney.

Michael H. Smith ('01) was listed in the 2017 edition of *Chambers USA* for intellectual property. He is a shareholder of Hall Estill in the Oklahoma City office.



Andrew M. Gunn ('02) was named partner of Durbin Larimore & Bialick PC in Oklahoma City. His civil litigation practice includes cases involving trucking litigation, automobile liability, uninsured motorist, construction defect, personal injury and breach of contract.



Phillip D. Hart

1936 – 2017

Phil Hart, a retired partner with McAfee & Taft and one of the state's foremost authorities on oil and gas law, died

April 12, 2017. Hart graduated with distinction from the University of Oklahoma in 1958 and went on to earn his law degree from the University of Oklahoma College of Law two years later.

After completing law school, Hart moved to the Washington, D.C., area, where he worked for Hogan & Hartson. He joined the JAG Corps in 1962 and served for two years as a captain in the U.S. Army. In 1964, Hart and his family moved to Oklahoma City, where he worked as an attorney for the Kerr Davis law firm before joining the Fowler Rucks firm, which eventually evolved into McAfee & Taft.

For more than 55 years, Hart centered his practice on oil and gas litigation and on an appellate practice that spanned the spectrum of civil litigation. His expertise and achievements earned him continuous recognition

in multiple categories in The Best Lawyers in America since its inaugural edition in 1989. He was one of only eight lawyers in Oklahoma to be initially named to the publication's mineral and environmental law section. In recognition of his contributions to natural resources law and policy, Hart was honored with the Eugene Kuntz Award in 2000.

Over the course of his career, Hart was a frequent author and speaker on oil and gas law and most recently served as the sole compiler, editor and commentary author of *Oil and Gas Contracts—Cases and Materials* (Second Edition, 2015). Hart taught as an adjunct professor at the OU College of Law teaching Energy Law, Oil and Gas, and Oil and Gas Contracts. He also taught at Oklahoma City University School of Law.

Hart is survived by his wife, Carolyn, daughter, Sarah Winchester, and her husband Bruce, two grandchildren, and countless family members, friends and colleagues. He was preceded in death by his son, Philip D. Hart Jr.



Julianna P. Deligans ('03) was listed in the 2017 edition of *Chambers USA* for intellectual property. She is a shareholder of Hall Estill in the Oklahoma City office.

John H. Graves ('03) joined the National Litigation Law Group in Oklahoma City as director of consumer litigation. He previously was in private practice.

Lance B. Turlington ('03) was promoted to the rank of colonel in the U.S. Army. He serves as staff judge advocate for Joint Task Force Civil Support at Fort Eustis, Virginia.

Emily Babb ('04) was named assistant vice president for Title IX Compliance at the University of Virginia. She previously worked as an attorney in the Office for Civil Rights of the U.S. Department of Education in Dallas and Cleveland.

Spencer W. Haines ('04) was included in the 2017 edition of *Chambers USA* for corporate/commercial: tax. He is a shareholder of McAfee & Taft in the Oklahoma City office.



Amy Steele Neathery ('04) was named partner in the Oklahoma City office of Pierce Couch Hendrickson Baysinger & Green LLP. Her practice focuses on insurance defense.



Ryan Sears ('04) joined Gray Reed & McGraw as a partner in Houston. As part of the firm's energy team, his practice includes upstream and midstream transactions and a variety of matters relating to the exploration for and production of oil and gas.

Michael S. Booze ('05) joined Hall Estill as special counsel in Oklahoma City. His practice includes oil and gas legal services, including Corporation Commission matters, oil and gas title examination and general legal practice.

Joshua D. Smith ('05) was included in the 2017 edition of *Chambers USA* for corporate/commercial. He is a shareholder of McAfee & Taft in Oklahoma City.

Ryan Brannan ('06) was reappointed commissioner of workers' compensation at the Texas Department of Insurance. Since 2014, he has served in this position within the division charged with regulating the Texas workers' compensation system.

Todd L. Grimmett ('06) joined The Lanier Law Firm in Houston as a member of the firm's commercial litigation team. He previously served as an in-house counsel for Oklahoma City-based Chesapeake Energy Corporation.



Trisha Wald ('06) won the Bernhardt Academic Excellence Award for 2017 at Southwestern Oklahoma State University. She is chair of the department of business and computer science in the Everett Dobson School of

Business and Technology at SWOSU.

Cara Rodriguez ('07) joined Glenn Coffee & Associates in Oklahoma City. Her practice includes election law, administrative law, state questions, initiative petitions and commercial transactions. She previously served as first assistant in the Oklahoma Office of Attorney General.

Ashley Smith ('07) was named to the *Journal Record* "Achievers Under 40." She is co-founder and CEO of CrowdSeekr.com, a directory and search engine for private real estate investments. She was previously general counsel of QuiBids.

We Remember

Robert B. Breitenbach ('79)

Roy Marion Lewis "Cal" Calvert ('84)

C. Bart Fite ('84)

James D. Foliart ('49)

Anna Maria Goodwin Benn ('94)

Sam H. Johnson ('63)

Ronald R. Mason ('92)

Anthony M. "Tony" Massad ('55)

John Richard McCandless ('63)

Tom R. McConnell ('76)

George Edward Meisel Jr. ('75)

Val Ray Miller ('49)

Kevin Hunter Pate ('89)

Jack Dempsey Pointer Jr. ('70)

Victor W. Pryor Jr. ('65)

A. Carl Robinson ('50)

Susan Gail Seamans ('75)

Steven E. Smith ('57)

Neal E. Stauffer ('89)

Clifford O. Stone ('57)

Dino Edgardo Viera ('85)

Charles Robert Warren ('13)

James Matthew Williams ('93)

Patrick Wyrick ('07) was appointed to serve as justice of the Oklahoma Supreme Court from the 2nd Judicial District. He previously served as solicitor general in the Oklahoma attorney general's office, worked as a law clerk in the U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Oklahoma and was in private practice.

Andre Caldwell ('08) became of counsel to the Oklahoma City office of Ogletree Deakins. He previously was a civil litigation partner at another Oklahoma City firm and served as an assistant U.S. attorney.

Geoffrey D. Long ('08) opened GDL Legal PLLC in Oklahoma City. His practice focuses on government and administrative law with an emphasis on Oklahoma ethics law. He previously served as general counsel of the Oklahoma Ethics Commission.

Nathaniel T. Haskins ('09) was elected shareholder of Hall Estill in the Oklahoma City office. He works primarily in the areas of labor and employment, corporate, property tax and general litigation.

H. Cole Marshall ('09) was included in the 2017 edition of *Chambers USA* for real estate. He is a shareholder with McAfee & Taft in Oklahoma City.

Michelle Millben ('09) was honored by the Alexandria Chamber of Commerce as one of the "40 Under 40" for 2017. She currently is an associate pastor at the Alfred Street Baptist Church in Alexandria, Virginia. She previously served as an attorney in the U.S. Department of Justice and as an adviser to President Obama.



Jenny Rosenfelt ('09) began working at BancFirst Ardmore as loan administration officer. Her responsibilities include coordinating and supervising loan operation functions to ensure compliance and operational

efficiency. She previously worked in the energy industry.

Curtis J. Thomas ('09) was elected shareholder with McAfee & Taft in Oklahoma City. His litigation practice includes business and commercial litigation as well as labor and employment matters.



Megan Tilly ('09) was appointed to the Oklahoma Workers' Compensation Commission. She has worked as an assistant attorney general since 2011, after serving for two years as an assistant district attorney in Logan and Payne counties.

Allyson Dow ('12) received the Chair Award from the Oklahoma Bar Association Family Law Section at the OBA Annual Meeting. She practices with Petersen, Henson, Meadows, Pecore & Peot PC in Norman, Oklahoma.

Justin Grose ('12) became an associate of Ogletree Deakins in Oklahoma City. He was formerly as assistant attorney general in the Oklahoma Attorney General's Office.

Jared R. Ford ('13) joined Hall Estill as an associate in Oklahoma City. His practice focuses on commercial and real estate law.

Brandon Kemp ('13) is an associate in the Oklahoma City office of Ogletree Deakins. His practice includes all areas of labor and employment litigation.



Gauri Nautiyal ('13) joined Ogletree Deakins as an associate in Oklahoma City. She previously worked in the University of Oklahoma Office of Legal Counsel.

Molly E. Tipton ('13) joined Phillip Murrah in Oklahoma City. She represents privately owned and public companies in oil and gas matters, with a strong emphasis on oil and gas title examination.



Alex Duncan ('15) joined McAfee & Taft as an associate with a practice focused on civil litigation, including complex commercial litigation. He previously worked as an associate of King & Spalding LLP in Washington, D.C.

Jennifer Lewis ('16) joined the Oklahoma City law firm of Tomlinson McKinstry as an associate. She practices in the firm's intellectual property law and civil litigation areas.

2010s

Max Rhodes ('10) joined Trust Company of Oklahoma as assistant vice president in the personal trust division in Oklahoma City. He previously was in private practice.

Brandon Watson ('10) was promoted to shareholder status at GableGotwals, and is based in the firm's office in Tulsa, Oklahoma. His practice focuses on business transactions.

Staff changes

► New faces and titles



Alana House ('10) joined the Office of Career Development as associate director in January. She is responsible for advising students as they seek employment opportunities.



Rebekah Roberts began working in December as a circulation assistant in the Donald E. Pray Law Library. She serves as the evening supervisor for student workers, an assistant to the librarians and the bindery technician.



Brian Griffith was named information technology systems administrator in March. In this position, he assists with the day-to-day running of the IT department and its business IT systems.



Dianna Grow works at the College of Law as part of the team responsible for keeping Coats Hall clean and ready for business each day.



Jared Johnson was promoted to circulation assistant in the Donald E. Pray Law Library. He works assisting library patrons, organizing the collection and managing the circulation desk.



Maria Utrera joined the OU Law staff in the position of facilities attendant. She works to ensure the building is in shape for routine use and special events.

► OU Law hosts lunch for President's Associates speakers



Maeva Marcus and Adam Liptak, both noted for their expertise on the Constitution and the U.S. Supreme Court, were lunch guests of the College of Law April 12, prior to their appearance at a President's Associates dinner the following evening. Liptak is the U.S. Supreme Court correspondent for *The New York Times* and Marcus is research professor of law and director of the Institute for Constitutional History at The George Washington University Law School.

Pictured in the Donald E. Pray Law Library are Associate Dean Darin Fox, Maeva Marcus, Adam Liptak and Dean Joe Harroz.

► M.L.S. in Healthcare Law program begins

OU Law announced the launch of a Master of Legal Studies in Healthcare Law degree program. Designed mainly for non-lawyers, it will enroll its first students in fall 2017. The degree is delivered primarily online and provides master's-level knowledge on the legal and regulatory issues unique to health care.

"The health care industry is projected to be the fastest growing field in the U.S. over the next seven to 10 years," said Dean Joe Harroz. "The legal and regulatory framework for health care is uniquely broad and complex, and anyone doing business or administrative work in this industry needs a clear understanding of it to be able to succeed and grow in their career. OU Law's M.L.S. in Healthcare Law is designed specifically to provide the knowledge that will help advance the career of those in the health care space – both for those just beginning their career and those who are seasoned professionals, but need a deeper understanding to progress in their careers."

The M.L.S. in Healthcare Law offers a competitive advantage to anyone working in the industry who deals with business, regulatory, compliance, contractual and legal issues. The new program will deliver a broad knowledge of health care law in addition to a business perspective so students can gain a deeper

understanding of the law and regulation facing medical service professionals.

The program is a 32-credit-hour graduate degree that can be completed in 15 months. Of the 32 credit hours, 29 will be offered solely online. The final three credits are earned through a dual online and on-campus one-week intensive session hosted at the OU Health Sciences Center, providing ample opportunity to meet and network with other students in the program before graduation. The combination of online and on-campus learning provides students the flexibility to attain an OU master's degree from anywhere in the world.

This latest program adds a third non-J.D. degree health care option to OU Law's offerings. In partnership with the OU College of Public Health, OU Law already offers an in-person dual Juris Doctor/Master of Healthcare Administration degree and an in-person dual Juris Doctor/Master of Business Administration – Healthcare degree. The new M.L.S. degree presents a unique online offering to students, focusing intensely on the legal and regulatory issues specific to the health care industry.

► Admitted Students Day Lunch greets Class of 2020



About 50 members of the incoming 1L class gathered for a photo at the 2017 Admitted Students Day Lunch in April.

► BLSA wins fourth title as Regional Chapter of the Year



OU BLSA members pose with the Regional Chapter of the Year award at the SWBLSA Conference in January 2017. Pictured are Robert Jackson, Julie Hunter, Tonika Brown, Stan West, Tiffany Guillot and Isaiah Brydie.

For the fourth consecutive year, the University of Oklahoma College of Law Black Law Students Association chapter was named Regional Chapter of the Year for small chapters at the annual Southwest Black Law Students Association convention in January.

"The students who compose the Ada Lois Sipuel Fisher BLSA Chapter at OU Law represent the very best of our community," said OU Law Dean Joe Harroz. "Their tireless efforts for and commitment to social-political awareness enhances the student experience at OU Law, while also contributing to larger legal conversations that abound beyond law school."

In addition to the chapter-wide award, a number of OU Law students and alumni received honors at the convention. First-year student Robert Jackson was honored as SWBLSA Member of the Year; second-year student Tonika Brown was elected SWBLSA director of community service; and alumni Chris Staine ('10) and Judge David Lewis ('83) were inducted into the SWBLSA Hall of Fame.

► Raley shares story of pro bono case

OU Law alumnus and Houston attorney John Raley ('84) returned to the College of Law in January and spoke on his successful pro bono criminal case that resulted in the exoneration of Michael Morton, an innocent man who spent 25 years in prison for a murder he did not commit.

In 1987, Morton was wrongfully convicted of the murder of his wife. With new DNA testing, Raley convinced a Texas court of Morton's innocence. The pro bono case lasted seven years. Raley's efforts resulted in the Michael Morton Act, requiring prosecutors to provide defense counsel free access to investigation information.

Raley is a trial lawyer with more than 25 years of courtroom experience. Board certified in personal injury trial law by the Texas Board of Legal Specialization, he received a 2013 Presidential Citation by the Texas State Bar for his work on the Morton case, and in 2015 he was given the Houston Bar Association's President's Award for Pro Bono Service.



John Raley tells the story of his pro bono work resulting in the exoneration and release of his client, Michael Morton. The documentary, "An Unreal Dream: The Michael Morton Story," chronicles his client's wrongful conviction, imprisonment and exoneration.

► Speaker ties international business to local economy

The Business Law Society, the Oklahoma International Law Society and Professor Evelyn Aswad hosted Jennifer Springer, director of International Trade and Foreign Investment at the Oklahoma Department of Commerce, to speak at the College of Law in February. Springer manages the trade and foreign direct investment branches of the Global Services division at the Oklahoma Department of Commerce and oversees the three trade offices located worldwide. She spoke about promoting international trade and investment opportunities for the state and how the Oklahoma economy is benefited.

“Hearing from Ms. Springer was rather eye-opening,” said 2L Dan Sloat. “At times it can be easy to think international law and affairs won’t impact our people or our local economy. As it turns out, there is significant growth in international business opportunities here and, as the world becomes ever more globalized, it is critical that our community can rely on Oklahoma lawyers who are well versed in applicable international treaties.”

Professor Evelyn Aswad, OILS President Brooke Hamilton, Jennifer Springer and BLS President Dan Sloat pose for a photo in the Collaborative Learning Center.



► OILS sponsors mixer for international students



The Oklahoma International Law Society hosted international students and their mentors at a mixer in February. Students from Nigeria, Cameroon, Pakistan, China, the U.K., France and the United States enjoyed the opportunity to become acquainted with people outside the classroom and share experiences from their home countries.

► OILS hosts International business and human rights expert

Michael Samway, a former vice president and deputy general counsel at Yahoo, spoke to the Oklahoma International Law Society in March about his firsthand experience involving the evolution of business, human rights and the Internet. Samway led the international legal team and began the Yahoo Business & Human Rights Program. He also is a founder of the Global Network Initiative, a multi-stakeholder initiative that strives to promote respect for international human rights law protections for freedom of expression and privacy. Its members include companies such as Microsoft, Google, Facebook and Yahoo, as well as human rights groups, responsible investors and academics.



OILS members listen as Michael Samway talks about issues involving information and communications technology and human rights.

► Government and Public Interest Career Fair connects students with employers



Students talk with representatives from 31 employers who participated in the career fair, held February 22 in the Boren Atrium.

► BOA sponsors 1L Moot Court Competition

All first-year OU Law students participated in the annual 1L Moot Court Competition sponsored by the OU Law Board of Advocates. Over a period of three and a half weeks, the rounds of competition took place in various court rooms, conference rooms and classrooms throughout Coats Hall.

Micah Mahdi and Joya Rutland squared off with Justin Bates and Collen Steffen in the final round on April 12 in the Dick Bell Courtroom. Mahdi and Rutland were named winners and Rutland received the Best Speaker Award.



Micah Mahdi and Joya Rutland are winners of the 2017 1L Moot Court Competition.

► **Human Rights students travel to international conference**



Before attending the conference, the group visited NATO Headquarters in Brussels, Belgium.



While at RightsCon, students attended presentations on counter violent extremism and participated in networking events.

Students in the Human Rights Practicum taught by Professor Evelyn Aswad spent the spring 2017 semester working on a Diplomacy Lab project for the U.S. Embassy in Bulgaria. Diplomacy Lab is a U.S. Department of State program that provides the opportunity for universities to help with pressing research needs on foreign affairs matters. The class project is focused on understanding measures 11 European countries, as well as the European Union, have adopted to counter violent extremism and determining if such measures violate international and regional human rights treaties and whether the measures are effective.

After a telephone briefing with U.S. diplomats at the U.S. Embassy in Sofia on their preliminary findings in mid-March, the 11 students traveled to Brussels, Belgium, to attend RightsCon, the leading international conference on the Internet and human rights. Practicum students attended seven panel discussions on counter violent extremism (CVE) matters and networking events, during which students had the opportunity to meet informally with RightsCon participants.

Prior to the beginning of the conference, students toured NATO Headquarters in Brussels and participated in a roundtable discussion with the top NATO lawyer and members of his staff about a variety of international law matters. Students also visited the European Parliament and heard human rights remarks by various members of the Parliament, non-governmental organizations, and a former U.S. Ambassador to the U.N. Human Rights Council. Practicum students actively participated in the discussions.

“We very much appreciated the opportunity the College of Law gave us to participate in a conference that was the epicenter of the global CVE conversation and to interact with experts from around the world on our research project,” said Aswad.

► **Career Development Night sponsored by Crowe & Dunlevy and Devon Energy Corporation**

January 19



Oklahoma Labor Commissioner Melissa Houston ('94) and Legal Aid Services of Oklahoma Executive Director Michael Figgins lead the "Careers in Public Interest and Government" session of Career Development Night. Other sessions included "Corporate and Non-Traditional Careers," presented by Devon attorneys, and "Careers in Law Firms," led by Crowe and Dunlevy attorneys and a solo practitioner.



Megan Conner, Aiza Skelton, Meilani Kaahue and Sophia Fernald enjoy themselves at the networking reception following the career development presentations.

► **Professionalism Night sponsored by McAfee & Taft**



Michael Lauderdale ('90), McAfee & Taft managing director, addresses the group gathered at the Fred Jones Jr. Museum of Art for OU Law's Professionalism Night.



Kevin Cartwright, Blake Baker, Alicia Hockenbury, Lauren Smart, Jarod Harsha, Liz Stevens, Austin Frappier and Jonathon Cappel

► Prospective students greeted at 2017 Spring Open House

February 9



March 1



Lina Khalaf, Emily Evans, Allison Meinders and Kaimbri White

► 1Ls receive Crowe & Dunlevy scholarships

Two members of the OU Law Class of 2019, Matthew Acosta and Micah Mahdi, received \$10,000 scholarship commitments from Crowe & Dunlevy as part of the firm's Diversity Scholar's Program. The awards are designated for first-year students and consist of \$2,000 per semester, renewable in each of their remaining four semesters of law school, contingent upon satisfactory progress and performance. The program assists students from diverse backgrounds who qualify based on academic achievement, financial need and commitment to the law.



Crowe and Dunlevy scholarship recipients are pictured (left to right) with members of the firm's Diversity Committee. William H. Hoch, attorney and committee chair emeritus; Matthew Acosta, scholarship recipient; Joshua D. Burns, attorney and committee member; Micah Mahdi, scholarship recipient; and Christopher M. Staine ('10), attorney and committee chair.

► First-year student receives prestigious Udall Internship



Aaron Fournier

A University of Oklahoma College of Law student, Aaron L. Fournier, is the recipient of a 2017 Udall Foundation Native American Congressional Internship assigned to the Bureau of Indian Affairs within the U.S. Department of the Interior. A member of the Chickasaw Nation and a native Oklahoman, Fournier works for his tribe at the South Central Climate Science Center on the University Research Campus.

He is one of 12 American Indian and Alaska Native college, graduate and law students accepted into the program nationally.

"I am very excited for the opportunity to learn how the Bureau of Indian Affairs operates, and I am honored to have been

selected into the Udall Foundation's internship program. I am looking forward to an exciting summer living in Washington, D.C., while working with federal employees who share my passion for promoting tribal sovereignty," said Fournier.

At the South Central Climate Science Center, Fournier assisted in authoring a handbook for university researchers interested in cultivating relationships with Oklahoma tribal members, while respecting native customs. He also conducts science camps that introduce Native American children to weather, climate and natural sciences by allowing them to participate in interactive experiments. In the future, he plans to work in Washington, D.C., where he can use his degree to advocate for increased tribal sovereignty.

Udall interns are selected primarily on the basis of their interest in learning about the federal government, their interest in tribal public policy or tribal governance, and their desire to support tribal communities.

► Students experience the oil and gas industry in person



Law students Maegan Whelchel and Megan Anson (second and third from left) pose for a photo at the drilling site with graduate petroleum engineers Ben Slechta, Zoey Xu, Yao Wang, Jocin James and Zach Collins.

Students in Professor Monika Ehrman's class – Oil and Gas Contracts – traveled to two different sites in April to learn firsthand about different aspects of the energy industry. On April 5, a group of students accompanied Ehrman to the Oklahoma Corporation Commission in Oklahoma City to attend the docket call and observe hearings. Two weeks later, students donned closed-toe shoes, hard hats and safety glasses and toured an active drilling operation in Grady County hosted by Citizen Energy of Tulsa.



During their visit to the Oklahoma Corporation Commission, students met Administrative Law Judge Kendal Lorenz. Pictured are Michael Mathis, Nicholas Campbell, Caleb Harwell, Judge Lorenz, Tanner Grove and Maegan Whelchel.

► Pro Bono Awards Reception recognizes record-breaking volunteers



Susanna Gattoni, a shareholder of Hall Estill, addresses the crowd gathered in the Dick Bell Courtroom for the Pro Bono Awards event.



Dean Joe Harroz presents Virginia Johnson with the Outstanding 3L Pro Bono Award.

The annual recognition of the pro bono service of OU Law's students, faculty and staff on April 17 featured guest speaker Susanna M. Gattoni ('97), an Oklahoma City attorney who has received national recognition for her pro bono representation of death row clients.

Following her presentation, 170 volunteers, each with more than 25 hours of law-related service, were recognized and outstanding students from each class were announced. This year, because of the many opportunities and generous financial support made possible by alumni and friends, OU Law students provided a record 23,333 hours of pro bono service, shattering last year's record of more than 17,000 hours. The event concluded with the presentation of summer fellowships.

► OLR, AILR, ONE J celebrate academic year with banquet

April 17



► First Digital Initiative class graduates



The University of Oklahoma College of Law celebrated the graduation of the Class of 2017 in May, marking the first year a class collectively completed OU Law's Digital Initiative programming, and making the college the first law school in the nation to do so. In 2014, the graduating class's first year of law school, OU Law embarked on its college-wide Digital Initiative.

"At OU Law, today is the future of legal education," said Dean Joe Harroz. "Across all disciplines, technology is accelerating the pace of education like never before, which is why we launched the nation's first comprehensive college-wide Digital Initiative. Our newest alumni are the products of an innovative and unique approach to integrating technology into all areas of legal education."

The college's Digital Initiative is built around three core elements: the common platform of the iPad, given to students at no cost; a digital training curriculum that educates OU Law students to use technology for productivity and practice; and the Inasmuch Foundation Collaborative Learning Center, a state-of-the-art space dedicated to connecting students to one another, and to the people and societies they will serve.

Each year, the college offers more than 50 different types of training sessions on legal practice apps including TrialPad, Firm Central and Drafting Essentials. This year, more than 2,500 attendees participated in the training sessions, a new record up from 2,000 last year.

Located in the main entrance to the college's Donald E. Pray Law Library, the Inasmuch Foundation Collaborative Learning Center represents a transformation from traditional legal research and study to 21st-century skills development and collaboration. Its

features include two virtual reality stations, four new multimedia study rooms and a flipped seminar classroom.

Student adoption of and satisfaction with OU Law's Digital Initiative is evident. More than 97 percent of students rank their satisfaction with the Digital Initiative as satisfied or very satisfied.

The college is careful to pursue opportunities that will provide longevity to students' digital preparedness. The administration continually seeks and invests in innovative platforms and tools that will aid graduates, their future employers and the wider legal community.

"We are the first law school in the country to provide access to a suite of practice-ready tools, including Westlaw, for our graduates for 18 months after they leave OU Law," said Harroz. "This digital gift is easily worth \$10,000 per graduate."

OU Law has also partnered with Legal Technology Core Competencies Certification Coalition (LTC4), a nonprofit that has established legal technology core competencies and certification that all law firms can use to measure ongoing efficiency improvements. OU Law is the first law school in the country to offer LTC4 certifications.

"Our Digital Initiative is centered on the student and the student experience," said Harroz. "We're focused in our task of providing the highest-quality legal education at an affordable cost, while simultaneously offering cutting-edge educational opportunities that set our graduates apart when they enter the legal profession."

► M.L.S. convocation streams live on Facebook

The first individual Master of Legal Studies convocation was held in the Dick Bell Courtroom May 13. The historical event was streamed live on Facebook in order that graduates of the online program who were unable to travel to Oklahoma could share in the experience.

Thirty-eight graduates, 17 of whom were present at the ceremony, were recognized for successfully completing the online program for the M.L.S. in Indigenous Peoples Law. The graduating class represented 22 different tribal nations. The M.L.S. student body at large includes tribal heads of state, university professors and tribal citizens from across the United States and Canada.



Gov. Bill Anoatubby of The Chickasaw Nation speaks at the May 13 convocation ceremony for the M.L.S. Class of 2017.



Following the processional into the courtroom, led by the Buddy Bond Color Guard and Howling Buffalo Drummers, graduates and guests prepare to take their seats.

► Congressman Tom Cole delivers 2017 J.D. convocation address

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Faculty honors

► Gensler elected as American Bar Foundation Fellow



Professor **Steven S. Gensler** was elected to membership in The Fellows of the American Bar Foundation. Attorneys, judges, law faculty and scholars chosen for the honorary organization support the research of the ABF and sponsor seminars and events relevant to the legal profession. Membership is limited to 1 percent of lawyers licensed to practice in each jurisdiction.

► Backus, Robertson receive Regents' Awards



Professors **Mary Sue Backus** and **Lindsay Robertson** both received Regents' Awards at the university's annual faculty recognition event. "This year, OU Law is honored to have two incredibly worthy recipients of two of the university's most prestigious awards," said Dean Joe Harroz.

Backus, who joined the OU Law faculty in 2004, received the Regents' Award for Superior Teaching. The award is one of three Regents' Awards given annually and recognizes excellence in teaching at OU. She is the Robert Glenn Rapp Foundation Presidential Professor at the College of Law, where she teaches Criminal Law, Education Law and Evidence. Her recent scholarship focuses on reforming Oklahoma law in the areas of juvenile competency and virtual charter schools.

Robertson received the Regents' Award for Superior Professional and University Service and Outreach. The award is one of three Regents' Awards given annually and honors a faculty member's contributions to OU's service and outreach.



Robertson is the OU College of Law Chickasaw Nation Endowed Chair in Native American Law, Sam K. Viersen Family Foundation Presidential Professor and faculty director of the Center for the Study of American Indian Law and Policy. He joined OU Law in 1997 and teaches Federal Indian Law, Comparative and International Indigenous Peoples Law, Constitutional Law and Legal History. He is also founding director of the OU Law International Human Rights Law Clinic.

Beyond the classroom

► Kershen co-chairs Oklahoma Water Law Conference



Professor Emeritus **Drew Kershen** co-chaired and spoke at the Ninth Annual Oklahoma Water Law Conference in February. The conference theme was “Focus on the Historic Water Rights Settlement Agreement.” Kershen’s presentation – “The Process of Water Settlements: Where Do We Go from Here?” – provided an academic perspective on the agreement for the continuing legal education program.

Kershen taught Water Law at OU Law for more than 20 years and has been active in Oklahoma water law issues since 1989. He is a frequent lecturer on water law and has written extensively on Oklahoma water law matters.

► Means edits OBJ



Professor **Erin Means** ('09) served as editor of the *Oklahoma Bar Journal* May issue focusing on Constitutional Law. She was appointed to the publication’s board of editors by the OBA president and has completed three years of service.

“In putting the Constitutional Law theme issue together, I enjoyed working with the various authors

to identify topics that were both nationally relevant and useful to Oklahoma practitioners,” said Means.

► Henderson speaks on Fourth Amendment



Professor **Stephen Henderson** spoke on a panel at Georgetown Law for the school’s American Criminal Law Review 2017 Symposium in March. The symposium’s theme was “Katz at 50: The Fourth Amendment in the Digital Age.” The event marked the 50th anniversary of the Supreme Court’s decision in *Katz v. United*

States, which introduced the notion of a “reasonable expectation of privacy” as the standard for defining searches under the Fourth Amendment.

Symposium sessions focused on the legacy of the 50-year-old decision and how it has affected the interpretation and implementation of the Fourth Amendment. Session topics included: “Privacy in Public Surveillance,” “Katz at 50: Modern Approaches to the Fourth Amendment,” and “Racial Impacts of Surveillance.”

► Gensler addresses the “War on Boilerplate” at Fifth Circuit Judicial Conference

Professor Steven Gensler spoke in May at the Judicial Conference of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit. Gensler sat on a panel with three judges and a practicing attorney. The group provided an update on recent and upcoming changes to the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure and to the Federal Rules of Evidence. Judges and lawyers from the Fifth Circuit were in attendance.

“The topic that seemed to interest the audience most was the recent trend of federal judges cracking down on the use of boilerplate objections in discovery,” said Gensler. “Most of the lawyers – and all of the judges – were very much in favor of the so-called war on boilerplate. But the lawyers are afraid to unilaterally stop making boilerplate objections for fear that it will give their opponents who continue to do it an advantage. What they really want is for the judges to intervene and disarm everyone. More and more judges are stepping up to do just that.”



Gensler said he enjoyed the dynamic of having judges and lawyers in the room together. “The civil discovery system works a lot better when the bench and the bar talk to each other and develop a shared understanding of what is expected.”

► Spector represents U.S. at The Hague



Professor Emeritus Robert G. Spector represented the United States at The Hague Conference of Private International Law's Experts Group on the Recognition and Enforcement of Agreements in Family Disputes Involving Children. The Experts Group met in The Hague June 14-17. The purpose of the Experts Group is to examine and identify the nature and extent of the legal and practical problems, including jurisdictional issues, involving cross border recognition and enforcement of voluntary agreements and to evaluate the benefit of a new international treaty in this area.

Spector previously has represented the United States in negotiating several Hague treaties and conventions, including the 1996 Convention on the Protection of Children, the 2000 Convention on the Protection of Disabled Adults and the 2007 Convention on the Recognition of Child Support. The Hague Conference on Private International Law is an international organization dedicated to the unification of the rules on private international law, including those of jurisdiction, choice of law and recognition of judgments.

► *AILR* symposium focuses on environmental issues



Pictured at the 2017 *AILR* symposium are Kelly Damphousse, former dean of the OU College of Arts and Sciences; Lindsay Robertson and Taiawagi Helton, OU Law professors; Amanda Cobb-Greetham, OU Native American Studies Program director; Austin Vance, OU Law 3L; Stephen Greetham, chief general counsel and special counsel on water and natural resources, Chickasaw Nation; Michael Burrage, Whitten Burrage Law Firm managing partner; and Joe Harroz, OU Law dean.

The College of Law hosted the *American Indian Law Review* annual Indigenous Peoples, Law and Power Symposium March 24 in the Dick Bell Courtroom in Andrew M. Coats Hall. With a theme of “Oil and Water,” the symposium was co-sponsored in partnership with the OU College of Arts and Sciences Native American Studies Department.

Native American environmental issues were featured in panel presentations and keynote addresses. Topics addressed were “The Chickasaw-Choctaw Compact in Context,” “Water Sovereignty and Stewardship: The Historic Chickasaw-Choctaw Water Settlement,” “Justice and Juxtaposition: Environmental Justice and Protest in Parallel” and “The Impact of Fracking on Indian Nations: A Case Study.”

Speakers included Sarah Hill, senior assistant attorney general, Cherokee Nation; Stephen Greetham, chief general counsel and special counsel on water and natural resources, Chickasaw Nation; Michael Burrage, managing partner, Whitten Burrage

Law Firm; Walter Echo-Hawk, of counsel, Crowe & Dunlevy; and OU Law professors Taiawagi Helton and Kristen van de Biezenbos.

“This year’s Indigenous Peoples, Law and Power Symposium builds upon several dedicated events we have held this year, all of which have focused on the intersection of Native American rights and environmental law,” said Dean Joe Harroz.

“This is our sixth year to co-host this special event,” said Dr. Amanda Cobb-Greetham (Chickasaw), chair of the Native American Studies Department and director of the newly established Native Nations Center. “Our partnership grows out of our joint M.A./J.D. program, which makes all of our students uniquely competitive. This year’s symposium topic is of critical importance to Native nations and communities. The subject matter is dear to our hearts as it impacts our lands as well as our political and cultural identities.”

► Foundation's gift funds students' field trip to Iowa



Students discuss legal issues relating to licensing technology from Ames Lab.

A generous annual gift from the Lou and Connie Miller Charitable Foundation, an inaugural member of the Dean's Leadership Circle, has allowed the OU College of Law to expand the scope of experiential education for transactional lawyers. Each semester the college offers an intensive opportunity to experience life as a transactional lawyer.

The spring semester focuses on advising a startup business. The students, divided into two law firms, participate in simulated legal work based on real technology. One firm represents a young entrepreneur seeking to license a new energy harvesting technology to commercialize it in the oil and gas industry. The other firm represents Ames Laboratory where the technology was developed.



Thomas Lagrasso explains how the alloy Galfenol harvests energy.

Due to the private funding, the students and Associate Dean Brian McCall, who teaches the transactional law practicum course, were able to travel to Ames, Iowa, in February to meet with the inventor of the technology and the legal and business team that oversees licensing and commercialization. The students were able to explore with the scientists and legal and business professionals the issues they would encounter as they drafted the license agreement and the documentation for the lab to take back an equity interest in the fictional startup in lieu of a license fee. The students were enthusiastic about the trip and said it was one of the most valuable aspects of the simulation course.

In the fall semester, the program focuses on public company mergers and acquisitions. The students represent two real public companies in the energy industry as they engage in a simulated sale of a business division. Students interact with the general counsels and other senior executives of the companies as they negotiate the transaction. They also present the details of the transaction to a simulated board of directors played by Oklahoma City lawyers. Last fall, McCall recorded the presentations with OU Law's recently acquired virtual reality technology, enabling students to review their performance in virtual reality.

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